

REMARKS REGARDING AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS

The claims were amended for the purpose of facilitating the prosecution of the present application by excluding non-elected subject matter from the amended claims. The herein amended claims contain only subject matter within the scope of Group I, as that group is designated in the Requirement for Restriction of April 22, 2004. Amended Claim 1 is generic to the subject matter elected in response to the Requirement for Restriction.

With regard to a formality, applicant notes that amendment of formulas (i) through (viii) in Claim 1 was considered more conspicuous and therefore more appropriate by placing the deleted subject matter in double square brackets than it would be by applying simple "strike through". The same applies to the amendment of the number in Claim 16. Using double square brackets is indicated as appropriate in the most recent rules pertaining to the formal requirements of amending claims.

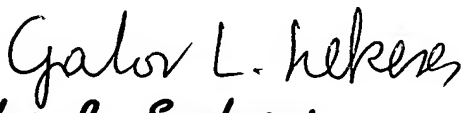
Applicant reserves the right to include the non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional application.

Claim 16 was amended merely to correct an inadvertent error in the dependency of that claim.

Applicant notes that none of the foregoing amendment was made to overcome prior art or to comply with any requirement for patentability.

In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference with the undersigned attorney would materially facilitate the final disposition of this case, she is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below listed telephone number.

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